

### Old v The New SBC Football Team

The current church SBC football team are playing at the High School Saturday 16th 10.30 KO against the old team. Jerry will be playing for the current team and Ron is planning a cameo roll for the old team..

**Leprosy Mission Autumn/Winter catalogues :** are now available at the back of the church. Orders given/sent to Barbara Reynolds will make a 20% donation (most items) to church funds at no extra cost to yourself – and save you the postage

**Birthday Celebrations:** Diana is celebrating her birthday at the Butchers Arms on Saturday 16th starting at 6.00pm. Please let Diana know by Tuesday so she can organise all the catering. She requests that, instead of any presents a donation towards the Urdu Bibles she arranges to be sent periodically to her friend Attiq Masih, who is a Pakistani Christian (Baptist) and Evangelist, building a church in Lahore and another area of Pakistan.

### Harvest Festival Produce

As in previous years gifts of tins and packets will go to Foodbank as well as a hamper to Empanda [the homeless young peoples accommodation in Alan Meale Way]. All fruit and veg will be auctioned at the harvest supper and proceeds are for the BMS Wonderfully made project.

Please remember to book for the supper with Jane or Edna 01692 582091 or 582633.



**Volunteers Needed:** Leeway, Norfolk's domestic abuse charity, are looking for help in their women's refuge in North Norfolk. Volunteer Workshop Facilitators provide a range of activities for the women and children living in the refuge. These can vary from arts and crafts sessions, cooking, support groups, gardening, meditation, coffee mornings and wellbeing workshops, depending on individual knowledge, skills and expertise. Leeway are looking for female volunteers who are able to work responsibly and confidently with vulnerable people, for 1-2 hours every week or so. Training and support is provided. More details: <http://bit.ly/2ISMbnB> or call 0300 561 0077/email [volunteer@leewaynwa.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@leewaynwa.org.uk).

**Birthday:** Happy Birthday to Diana who celebrates a "0" birthday on 12th September. May the Lord bless your day and year ahead.

**Can any one Help!** Lorraine call still do with some help painting the Stables for a couple of hours on Saturday 16th September.

**Flower Rota Ladies:** Magda asks if the ladies producing the lovely weekly flower arrangements could avoid using Lilies as several ladies have reported the strong aroma from the flowers effect their asthma.

**6ft Canes:** Greg is offering the twenty six foot canes that made up last weeks box for thinking outside box to anybody who wants to make a small donation to the building fund.

### "The Great Stalham Hair Off "Raised An Amazing £1000! Yes a £1000!!!

Congratulations to John Applegate (picture unrecognisably on the right) and John Higgs who raised a stunning £1000 to be shared between Macmillan Cancer Support and SBC Building Fund.



A big thank you to Paula (pictured right) of My' Tell Hair who conducted the delicate operation.

John would like to thank all those who supported his incredibly brave venture.



### Thought For The Week From Maggie Harpur

Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.  
We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.  
I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

Items for the Bulletin, our web site and Facebook page can be sent to [publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk](mailto:publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk)  
Deadline for the Bulletin is Wednesday 7:00pm. Or call David Child 07799262645.

### Next Week's Service Sunday 17th September

**Flowers:** Edna Woolsey **Welcome:** Jenny and Robert **Refreshments:** David and Eileen

Church Website: [www.stalhambaptist.org.uk](http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk) [www.facebook.com/stalhambaptist](https://www.facebook.com/stalhambaptist) Contact Stalham Baptist Church on 01692 582731

# Stalham Baptist Church

## Weekly News Bulletin

Sunday September 10th 2017



**Pastor:** Rev. Ron Skivington

**Assistant Pastor:** Jerry Otieno

**Secretary:** Geoff Reynolds

01692 672120

**Ministry Team:** Whole Fellowship

**Ron is leading and preaching. Psalms 13 "How long O Lord"**

**Amanda and Steve Varty will be taking part in the service and in tonight's Prayer and Praise at 7.00pm**

We would like to offer a very big welcome to any visitors who have joined us this Sunday. Please take a "Welcome" booklet, also would you kindly sign our visitor's book at the back of the Church and you are very welcome to join us for refreshments in the Stables at the end of the service.

Monday	11th	Church Open for Prayer Filling Station Speakers Amanda and Steve Varty	10.00am –12noon 7.30pm	Church Hickling Barn
Tuesday	12th	Coffee and chat Deacons. Refurbishment Meeting	9.30am -11.30am 7.30pm	Stables Stables
Wednesday	13th	Over 60's Table Tennis Study Group	9.30am –12noon 7.30pm	Schoolroom Stables
Saturday	16th	Men's Breakfast. David Osborne Speaking	8.30am	Stables
Sunday	17th	Church Service	10.45am	Church

### For your Prayers:

As part of our weekly worship we have a **Prayer Team** available to anyone who would like the support of others in prayer. You can find today's prayer team **Cynthia and Jane** at the back of the Church. Please pray for the residents of **Millside, Lawns Loke and Railway Mews**. As we pray through the Church Directory, please remember **Shirley Westgate**.

Please pray for those on small **Caribbean islands** caught in the pathway of a devastating force of nature **hurricane Irma** and those in other areas awaiting its arrival.

Please pray for those we know who are unwell at home, in care homes or in hospital. May they know His peace in their lives.

Pray also for the **Rohingya Muslims fleeing Myanmar** (Burma) to Bangladesh. It is thought that as many as 120000 people have fled persecution in the last two weeks.

**Gorleston Baptist Church** Our pastor Paul Smith retired from his position as pastor of our church on Christmas Day of last year. We thank God for Paul's ministry, and for Jan's, and ask God's blessing on them in their future work for him.

Since then we have been grateful to the Lord for his love and care of us as a fellowship. We have had so many people coming to speak on our Sunday services and we are extremely thankful for their support and teaching.

We have also been blessed by having Jon Squirrell as our moderator, a man who has encouraged us, and urged us on to keep seeking the Lord to take us forward into greater blessings. Our worship team under the leadership of Polly Ward and Kyron Smith has been a true gift of leading us into the presence of the Holy Spirit, to whom we look for guidance for his anointing. We are expecting great things from our Lord.

Please pray for us as we seek a new pastor to carry on preaching the Gospel to the people of Gorleston.

### Dates for your Diary

September	Saturday	23rd	Harvest Fun Morning 10.00am - 12.00noon.
"	Sunday	24th	Harvest Service 10.45am - 12noon.
"	Monday	25th	Harvest Supper 7.00pm in the Stables.
"	Saturday	30th	Town Hall Free Table 9.00-12noon. Volunteers needed. Please see Ron.

**Urgent Request from Maggie Harpur:** We do not have anyone to do refreshments **TODAY!!**. I am not able to step in as I have very sore ribs following a fall so hope that two very kind people would be available to do this.

**Harvest:** Could you help with the Harvest decorations this year? Crystal has put a plan of the areas we decorate, celebrating Harvest in its many forms, for you to select your area. We would also like to decorate the cross outside this year as we did for Easter.



Thinking Outside The Box

Last Sundays service talked about thinking outside the box and the fellowship being the intellectual resource driving SBC forward.

The Deacons would like to hear all those ideas that would enable the church to reach out to the wider community, engage with young people, or raise money to refurbish the schoolroom

But in a way thinking outside the box isn't about a prescribed list of things to think about, its people's fresh visions and ideas. Many times they can be untried but that is great. A blank canvas is a good place to start.

I wonder what was said to the guy in antiquity who suggested that "we should make metal tools"? The probable answer was "What's your problem we have been making stuff like this for the last 3 million years"

There is no such thing as a dumb idea, often a simple thought sparks a light that shines on a new way forward.

Regularly people are accused of "Rocking the Boat" but that needs to happen not in a angry way but in the sense of challenging the process.



On the theme of boats Isambard Kingdom Brunel suggested building a ship made of iron, only to be told it would sink.

God asked Peter to challenge the process Acts 10 9:43 Peter is challenge by God to break the



Laws. First to eat food that is considered unclean and secondly to visit and mix with gentiles. Acts 10 27-28 "while talking with him; Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. 28 He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean."

Without God's intervention it would have been difficult for the Word to have spread around the world.

When you travel around Norfolk or further afield, cities and the countryside are littered with redundant churches and chapels.

Project forward over the next few decades where will Stalham Baptist Church be?

**Gods command is to share the good news with the whole world and to achieve that sometimes you need a new vision to reach a new group of people. A new vision drives the thinking. A new vision helps you to start thinking outside the box.**

Timothy Keller in his book "Prayer: Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God", observes that knowing the God of the Bible better can't be achieved all by oneself. *Writes Jerry Otieno*

He says that "it entails the community of the church participation in corporate worship as well as private devotion" (pg 23). Indeed the joy and benefits of prayer aren't limited to our regular personal prayer lives alone, but the joy is doubled when we pray together.



However, many Christians don't attend corporate prayers because the thought of praying aloud is very scary and uncomfortable. It's O.K to have such feeling because public prayer is a difficult exercise to many and one needs to start slow and give themselves time to grow in it.

**When you meet together with six or seven friends, you do not have to pray aloud if you don't want to.**

You can sit there, be quiet and you will still be part of the prayer. Then, hopefully, with time as you become confident and comfortable, you can begin to participate more in the group prayer. You can start by praying aloud when you are alone to get used to hearing your voice.



Jerry has set up a prayer chain using Whatsapp which is already proving very successful , but it would be good to find out what other ways for corporate prayer that would suit the fellowship. You could help by filling in the Prayer Survey please complete the survey below and put it in the box at the back of the Church.

You could do that this morning or pop it in the box next week

	Yes	No
Would Tuesday Evening Be A Good Day For You?		
Would Thursday Evening Be A Good Day For You?		
What Day Would Suit You If None Of The Above?	DAY	
	Yes	No
Would You Like To Receive A Text Prayer Message?		
Would You Like A Email Text Prayer Message?		
Would You Like To Receive A Monthly Prayer Letter?		
Name		
Text Mobile Number		
Email Address		

This Data would not be shared with any other organisation.

Currently the church needs some extra help in a number of areas.

**Lunch Club** needs some volunteer drivers to help out occasionally.

Speak to Geoff Reynolds.

**Sunday School** could do with some extra help from time to time.

Speak to Jenny Payne.

**Welcome and Refreshments** it would be really useful to have a few more folk available. This Sunday has been difficult for Maggie so more people would be really helpful. Have a chat with her.

**Sunday Flowers** speak to Magda Nicholls if you could occasionally be available to give a hand.

**Singers** Barbara Reynolds says she could do with a few fresh voices to help out from time to time.

**Multi Media and Sound** yes we need some new people to be part of the hub have a chat with Geoff or John if you could help.

**Community Scene Online.** Could you help by editing or collecting articles? Perhaps creating new areas of interest so we can have a fresh community/church online presence which reaches out to new generations.

We could really do with some help to push this project on. Any ideas you have would be great to hear, have a chat with David Child.

**Church Web Site** it would be good if we could get more information onto

the SBC web site.

Perhaps all that great news that goes on the notice board could also contribute to the website so those outside the fellowship can see the wide range of missions SBC supports our Christianity in action.

It might be a thought to send Greg Chapman details of the many brilliant "House" events that happen. You could use publicity@stalhambaptist.org.uk

Lets try and get all that news about SBC we should be proud of out into the community.

For some helpful guidelines go to <http://www.stalhambaptist.org.uk/events.php>

**Face Book** is a excellent way to communicate news of events, prayer requests etc. email Diana Gordon with your contributions at dianagordon9@googlemail.com

